



U.S. Attorney's Office

EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

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Facts on Project Safe Neighborhood

- Since 2004, the US Attorney's office has prosecuted over 350 offenders for gun crimes.
- A typical sentence in Federal Court for a gun crime is 5 years.
- PSN grants in the Eastern District have totaled over \$4,000,000 in the last few years.
- Grant funding has paid for new officers, overtime training, prevention and re-entry programs.

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Our Commitment to Keeping Neighborhoods Safe

One of the goals of the United States Attorney's office is to work with local and federal law enforcement agencies to help protect citizens and reduce violence in our communities. Since the beginning of the year, this partnership has resulted in the dismantling of 7

violent gang and drug trafficking organizations that operated throughout southeastern Wisconsin. Because of the dedication and commitment of our law enforcement partners, we have indicted 177 violent criminals (most of them gang members) for knowingly & intentionally

conspiring to distribute controlled substances. If convicted, the vast majority of these offenders face an average sentence of between 10 years and life imprisonment, a fine of up to \$4,000,000 and five years to life on supervised release.

Recent Gang & Drug Conspiracy Investigations

In February, after a nine month investigation by the Milwaukee Police Department, FBI, DEA, and the HIDTA Drug Gang Task Force, 45 members of the 1-9 Nash Street Boys were arrested and indicted in Federal Court on various drug conspiracy charges, in violation of Title 21 U.S. Code, Sections 841 and 846. This violent street gang operated around the area of 19th and Nash in the City of Milwaukee.

In June, members of the Racine Police Department and the FBI's Greater Racine Gang Task Force culminated a long investigation with the arrests of 19 members/associates of the Gangster Disciplines street gang. According to court records, gang members relied on each other to generate drug profits by excluding non-gang members from selling drugs in the area. Members of the gang used intimidation and violence to control their territory.

In July, 27 defendants were indicted in Federal Court on drug conspiracy charges after a lengthy investigation by personnel assigned to the HIDTA's heroin initiative. Drug dealers from Waukesha County purchased heroin in Milwaukee and later resold it in the suburbs. This drug trafficking organization was responsible for five overdose deaths in the cities of Milwaukee, Waukesha, Muskego, and Pewaukee.

Project Safe Neighborhoods in the Eastern District

Project Safe Neighborhoods is a Department of Justice initiative designed to reduce gun violence in America by working with local efforts to target gun crime. Historical data from crimes committed throughout the country has shown that a relatively small percentage of the population is responsible for a disproportionate percentage of violent crimes committed in our neighborhoods. Project Safe Neighborhoods focuses on habitual offenders who are involved in gun crimes, removing these individuals from the community to prevent them from re-offending. As part of our commitment to Project Safe Neighborhoods in the past few years, the United States Attorney's Office has prosecuted over 350 offenders for gun crimes. Working together, we have reduced gang violence in many neighborhoods.

Project Safe Neighborhoods training classes are designed to improve officer safety and awareness through topics such as: characteristics of armed persons, street enforcement tactics, search and seizure laws, and searching vehicles for contraband. These programs also focus on improving the quality of firearms investigations, so when these cases are taken to court the likelihood of obtaining a conviction is enhanced because of improved documentation. PSN training programs are scheduled in Racine this fall and will be scheduled next spring in the Fox Valley area.

Grant Funding through PSN

- Since 2003, a total of \$4,000,000 in Project Safe Neighborhoods Grants have been distributed throughout the Eastern District.
- The following agencies have received grant funding: Wisconsin Department of Justice, Wisconsin Department of Corrections, Kenosha DA, Langlade County, Milwaukee Police, Milwaukee Sheriffs, Milwaukee DA, Outagamie DA, Racine Police, Racine Sheriffs, Waukesha Police, Waukesha Sheriffs, Waukesha County, West Allis Police, UW-Milwaukee, and Health and Family Services.
- Funding in our District has paid for new police officers, federal and state prosecutors, overtime for enforcement, free training programs, and to promote community outreach efforts as well as supporting other gun violence reduction strategies.

According to U.S.

Attorney Steven

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Safe Neighborhoods has been successful because of the partnerships

developed between state,

local, and federal law enforcement agencies"

Free Training Programs

The United State Attorney's Office is committed to providing quality training programs at no cost to local law enforcement agencies. Listed below are the programs that will be held during the next two months. To register for one of these programs or to be placed on our mailing list, please contact Law Enforcement Coordinator Dean Puschnig at (414) 297-1774 or Anti-Terrorism Program Specialist Elizabeth Makowski at (414) 297-4502.

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| • Identity Theft | September 9th in Green Bay and Sept. 29th in Milwaukee |
| • Anti-Terrorism Campus Security Issues | October 14th in Milwaukee |
| • Project Safe Neighborhoods | September 12th and October 15th in Racine |
| • Gang Summit | Nov. 6th in Appleton and January in the Milwaukee area |
| • Information Sharing Among Law Enforcement | In November, at the Milwaukee office of the FBI |